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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA FLOOD EMERGENCY

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE HERE:

1. QTE ON FEB 7, THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES RECEIVED AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOLIVIAN RED CROSS ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIMS OF FLOODS WHICH HAD AFFECTED SEVERAL REGIONS, WITH REPORTS OF EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF HOMES AND DAMAGE TO CROPS. UNDRO HAS NOW RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE UNDO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN LA PAZ CONCERNING FATALITIES, NUMBER OF PERSONS HOMELESS, LIVESTOCK LOSSES, CROP LOSSES, OTHER DESTRUCTION, AND MEASURES SO FAR UNDERTAKEN, AND EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

A. AL PAX DEPARTMENT:

ONE FATALITY, 1500 HOMELESS, 100 HOUSES DESTROYED, 100 KILOMETERS ROAD AND 6 BRIDGES DESTROYED.

B. BENI DEPARTMENT:

13,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS, 10,000 CATTLE LOST, MANY TOWNS UNCLASSIFIED

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FLOODED, EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CROPS NOT YET ASCERTAINED.

C. BERMEJO:

MORE THAN 30 PERSONS KILLED, 1800 HOMELESS, ENTIRE TOWN  
FLOODED WITH 350 HOUSES DESTROYED, AND ALL SUGAR CROPS  
LOST.

D. SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT:

1600 PERSONS HOMELESS.

RECAPITULATION:

31 FATALITIES, 17,900 PERSONS HOMELESS, 10,000 CATTLE KILLED,  
100 KMS ROADS DESTROYED, AND EXTENSIVE LOSSES TO CROPS REPORTED  
AS OF FEB 9, 1974.

2. EMERGENCY RELIEF NEEDS:

GOVERNMENT REPORTED REQUESTING UNSPECIFIED MEDICINES, ANTI-  
EPIDEMIC INJECTIONS, BLANKETS, RAINCLOTHES, BOOTS, RUBBER  
BOATS, OUTBOARD MOTORS, AND HANDTOOLS INCLUDING SHOVELS,  
CARTS, ETC.

3. ASSISTANCE UNDERWAY.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE REPORTED MEETING TOGETHER  
WITH RED CROSS, UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND VOLAGS TO CO-  
ORDINATE LOCAL RELIEF MEASURES. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AID  
REPORTED AS 100 TONS WHEAT, 9 TONS FISH, 20 TONS MEAT, 10  
TONS MILK, 20 TONS CHEESE, AND 10 TONS BUTTEROIL TOTAL VALUE  
\$116,000. USAID HAS GIVEN 11,894 POUNDS FLOUR, 11,804  
POUNDS CSM, 2990 POUNDS ROLLED OATS, 9000 POUNDS BULGHUR,  
5902 POUNDS VEGETABLE OIL, AND 814 POUNDS OF CORNMEAL,  
WITH MORE AID EXPECTED. LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES  
HAS LAUNCHED APPEAL TO ITS CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN  
SOCIETIES, WHICH ALSO STRESSES NEED FOR CASH TO EFFECT LOCAL  
PURCHASES. BOLIVIAN RED CROSS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTED  
LAUNCHING NATIONAL BROADCAST APPEAL FOR CASH FROM BOLIVIAN  
PEOPLE.

4. SHALL REVERT TO ADDRESSES WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION REGARD-  
ING DETAILED EMERGENCY NEEDS AND ASSISTANCE INPUT HAS BEEN  
RECEIVED FROM THE FIELD. IN MEANTIME, WOULD BE MOST GRATE-  
FUL FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED ASSISTANCE.  
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PLEASE CABLE OR TELEX UNITED NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF COOR-  
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